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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

MILLER ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/083,017

Filed: February 26, 2002

Confirmation No.: 4317

Atty. File No.: 45568-00425

For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF HEARING
AIDS THAT INCLUDE IMPLANTABLE
ACTUATORS"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

) Group Art Unit: 2644

) Examiner: Tony M. Jacobson

) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 8, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 8, 2004 to February 8, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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